District I
1625 N French Dr , Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S St Francis Dr , Santa Fe, NM 87505

State of New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

For temporary pits, closed-loop systems, and below-grade tanks, submit to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

For permanent pits and exceptions submit to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office and provide a copy to the appropriate NMOCD District Office.

Pit, Closed-Loop System, Below-Grade Tank, or
Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application

Type of action: Permit of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method Closure of a pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method Modification to an existing permit Closure plan only submitted for an existing permitted or non-permitted pit, closed-loop system,				
below-grade tank, or proposed alternative method				
Instructions: Please submit one application (Form C-144) per individual pit, closed-loop system, below-grade tank or alternative request				
Please be advised that approval of this request does not relieve the operator of liability should operations result in pollution of surface water, ground water or the environment. Nor does approval relieve the operator of its responsibility to comply with any other applicable governmental authority's rules, regulations or ordinances.				
Operator: BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY OGRID #: 778				
Address: 200 Energy Court, Farmington, NM 87401				
Facility or well name: GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT 357				
API Number: 3004526366 OCD Permit Number:				
U/L or Qtr/Qtr A Section 29 Township 29N Range 12W County: San Juan County				
Center of Proposed Design: Latitude 36.702410 Longitude 108.116420 NAD: □1927 ▼ 1983				
Surface Owner: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☒ Private ☐ Tribal Trust or Indian Allotment				
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☐ <u>Pit</u> : Subsection F or G of 19.15.17.11 NMAC				
Temporary: ☐ Drilling ☐ Workover				
Permanent Emergency Cavitation P&A				
Lined Unlined Liner type: Thicknessmil LLDPE HDPE PVC Other				
String-Reinforced				
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Volume: bbl Dimensions: L x W x D				
3.				
Closed-loop System: Subsection H of 19.15.17.11 NMAC				
Type of Operation: P&A Drilling a new well Workover or Drilling (Applies to activities which require prior approval of a permit or notice of				
intent)				
☐ Drying Pad ☐ Above Ground Steel Tanks ☐ Haul-off Bins ☐ Other				
Lined Unlined Liner type: Thickness mil LLDPE HDPE PVC Other				
Liner Seams: Welded Factory Other Other				
4.				
Below-grade tank: Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Closure Plan submittal only)				
Volume: 21bbl Type of fluid: Produced Water (Tank Not in Use)				
Tank Construction material: Steel				
Secondary containment with leak detection Visible sidewalls, liner, 6-inch lift and automatic overflow shut-off				
☐ Visible sidewalls and liner ☐ Visible sidewalls only ☐ Other				
Liner type: Thicknessmil				
5.				
Alternative Method:				
Submittal of an exception request is required. Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.				

6. Fencing: Subsection D of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits, temporary pits, and below-grade tanks)			
☐ Chain link, six feet in height, two strands of barbed wire at top (Required if located within 1000 feet of a permanent residence, school, hospital,			
institution or church) Four foot height, four strands of barbed wire evenly spaced between one and four feet			
Alternate. Please specify			
7.			
Netting: Subsection E of 19.15.17.11 NMAC (Applies to permanent pits and permanent open top tanks)			
☐ Screen ☐ Netting ☐ Other			
Monthly inspections (If netting or screening is not physically feasible)			
8. Signs: Subsection C of 19.15.17.11 NMAC			
☐ 12"x 24", 2" lettering, providing Operator's name, site location, and emergency telephone numbers			
Signed in compliance with 19.15.16.8 NMAC			
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9. Administrative Approvals and Exceptions:			
Justifications and/or demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17 NMAC for guidance. Please check a box if one or more of the following is requested, if not leave blank:			
Administrative approval(s): Requests must be submitted to the appropriate division district or the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau	office for		
consideration of approval. Exception(s): Requests must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of approval.			
10.			
Siting Criteria (regarding permitting): 19.15.17.10 NMAC			
Instructions: The applicant must demonstrate compliance for each siting criteria below in the application. Recommendations of accept material are provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may require administrative approval from the appro-	otable source		
office or may be considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau office for consideration of a			
Applicant must attach justification for request. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC for guidance. Siting criteria does not apply to dryi above-grade tanks associated with a closed-loop system.	ing pads or		
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the temporary pit, permanent pit, or below-grade tank.	Yes No		
- NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Data obtained from nearby wells			
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other significant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark).	☐ Yes ☐ No		
- Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site			
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA		
(Applies to temporary, emergency, or cavitation pits and below-grade tanks) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	L NA		
Within 1000 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church in existence at the time of initial application.	☐ Yes ☐ No		
(Applies to permanent pits) - Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite image	∐ NA		
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that less than five households use for domestic or stock	☐ Yes ☐ No		
watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or spring, in existence at the time of initial application. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site			
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water well field covered under a municipal ordinance	☐ Yes ☐ No		
adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended.	NO		
- Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approval obtained from the municipality			
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine.	☐ Yes ☐ No		
- Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining and Mineral Division			
Within an unstable area. - Engineering measures incorporated into the design, NM Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Society; Topographic map			
Within a 100-year floodplain.	☐ Yes ☐ No		
- FEMA map			

11. Temporary Pits, Emergency Pits, and Below-grade Tanks Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
 ☐ Hydrogeologic Report (Below-grade Tanks) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC ☐ Hydrogeologic Data (Temporary and Emergency Pits) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC ☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC ☐ Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number: or Permit Number:
12.
Closed-loop Systems Permit Application Attachment Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
Geologic and Hydrogeologic Data (only for on-site closure) - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations (only for on-site closure) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC Design Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
Closure Plan (Please complete Boxes 14 through 18, if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
Previously Approved Design (attach copy of design) API Number:
Previously Approved Operating and Maintenance Plan API Number:(Applies only to closed-loop system that use
above ground steel tanks or haul-off bins and propose to implement waste removal for closure)
13. Permanent Pits Permit Application Checklist: Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the application. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
Hydrogeologic Report - based upon the requirements of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.17.9 NMAC
☐ Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.10 NMAC ☐ Climatological Factors Assessment
Certified Engineering Design Plans - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
☐ Dike Protection and Structural Integrity Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ☐ Leak Detection Design - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
Liner Specifications and Compatibility Assessment - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
 Quality Control/Quality Assurance Construction and Installation Plan Operating and Maintenance Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.12 NMAC
Freeboard and Overtopping Prevention Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC
 Nuisance or Hazardous Odors, including H₂S, Prevention Plan Emergency Response Plan
Oil Field Waste Stream Characterization
 ☐ Monitoring and Inspection Plan ☐ Erosion Control Plan
Closure Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection C of 19.15.17.9 NMAC and 19.15.17.13 NMAC
14. Proposed Closure: 19.15.17.13 NMAC Instructions: Please complete the applicable boxes, Boxes 14 through 18, in regards to the proposed closure plan.
Type: Drilling Workover Emergency Cavitation P&A Permanent Pit Below-grade Tank Closed-loop System
☐ Alternative Proposed Closure Method: ☑ Waste Excavation and Removal
Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only)
☐ On-site Closure Method (Only for temporary pits and closed-loop systems) ☐ In-place Burial ☐ On-site Trench Burial
Alternative Closure Method (Exceptions must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmental Bureau for consideration)
is. Waste Excavation and Removal Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure plan. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached.
Protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
☑ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings)
Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC
 Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection G of 19.15.17.13 NMAC

Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for the disposal of liquids, of the disposal of liquids.		
facilities are required. Disposal English Name:	•	
Disposal Facility Name: Will any of the proposed closed-loop system operations and associated activities of Yes (If yes, please provide the information below) No	Disposal Facility Permit Number: cur on or in areas that will not be used for future serv	
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operatio Soil Backfill and Cover Design Specifications based upon the appropriate Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection	requirements of Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC 1 of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	C
17. Siting Criteria (regarding on-site closure methods only): 19.15.17.10 NMAC Instructions: Each siting criteria requires a demonstration of compliance in the provided below. Requests regarding changes to certain siting criteria may requir considered an exception which must be submitted to the Santa Fe Environmenta demonstrations of equivalency are required. Please refer to 19.15.17.10 NMAC	e administrative approval from the appropriate dist Bureau office for consideration of approval. Justi	rict office or may be
Ground water is less than 50 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Dat	a obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is between 50 and 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Dat	a obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Ground water is more than 100 feet below the bottom of the buried waste. - NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database search; USGS; Dat	a obtained from nearby wells	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA
Within 300 feet of a continuously flowing watercourse, or 200 feet of any other sig lake (measured from the ordinary high-water mark). Topographic map; Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site	nificant watercourse or lakebed, sinkhole, or playa	Yes No
Within 300 feet from a permanent residence, school, hospital, institution, or church. Visual inspection (certification) of the proposed site; Aerial photo; Satellite		☐ Yes ☐ No
Within 500 horizontal feet of a private, domestic fresh water well or spring that les watering purposes, or within 1000 horizontal feet of any other fresh water well or s NM Office of the State Engineer - iWATERS database; Visual inspection of	pring, in existence at the time of initial application.	Yes No
Within incorporated municipal boundaries or within a defined municipal fresh water adopted pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-27-3, as amended. Written confirmation or verification from the municipality; Written approve	•	Yes No
Within 500 feet of a wetland. - US Fish and Wildlife Wetland Identification map; Topographic map; Visus	al inspection (certification) of the proposed site	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within the area overlying a subsurface mine. Written confirmation or verification or map from the NM EMNRD-Mining	g and Mineral Division	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within an unstable area - Engineering measures incorporated into the design; NM Burcau of Geolog Society; Topographic map	y & Mineral Resources; USGS; NM Geological	☐ Yes ☐ No
Within a 100-year floodplain FEMA map		☐ Yes ☐ No
On-Site Closure Plan Checklist: (19.15.17.13 NMAC) Instructions: Each of the by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached. Siting Criteria Compliance Demonstrations - based upon the appropriate requirements of Construction/Design Plan of Burial Trench (if applicable) based upon the appropriate requirements of Construction/Design Plan of Temporary Pit (for in-place burial of a drying protocols and Procedures - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19.1: Confirmation Sampling Plan (if applicable) - based upon the appropriate requirements of Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number (for liquids, drilling fluids and Confirmation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection Re-vegetation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection Site Reclamation Plan - based upon the appropriate requirements of Subsection	uircments of 19.15.17.10 NMAC f Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC propriate requirements of 19.15.17.11 NMAC ad) - based upon the appropriate requirements of 19. 5.17.13 NMAC uircments of Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Subsection F of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Irill cuttings or in case on-site closure standards cann H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC	15.17.11 NMAC

Operator Application Certification: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
amc (Print): Jeffrey Peace Title: Field Environmental Advisor			
Signature: Date: 06/22/2012			
c-mail address: Peace.Jeffrey@bp.com Telephone: 505-326-9479			
OCD Approval: Permit Application (including closure plan) Closure Plan (only) OCD Conditions (see attachment) OCD Representative Signature: Approval Date: 6/26/2013 Title: OCD Permit Number:			
Closure Report (required within 60 days of closure completion): Subsection K of 19.15.17.13 NMAC Instructions: Operators are required to obtain an approved closure plan prior to implementing any closure activities and submitting the closure report. The closure report is required to be submitted to the division within 60 days of the completion of the closure activities. Please do not complete this section of the form until an approved closure plan has been obtained and the closure activities have been completed. Closure Completion Date:			
22.			
Closure Method: ☐ Waste Excavation and Removal ☐ On-Site Closure Method ☐ Alternative Closure Method ☐ Waste Removal (Closed-loop systems only) ☐ If different from approved plan, please explain.			
Closure Report Regarding Waste Removal Closure For Closed-loop Systems That Utilize Above Ground Steel Tanks or Haul-off Bins Only: Instructions: Please indentify the facility or facilities for where the liquids, drilling fluids and drill cuttings were disposed. Use attachment if more than two facilities were utilized. Disposal Facility Name: Disposal Facility Permit Number:			
Disposal Facility Name: Disposal Facility Permit Number:			
Were the closed-loop system operations and associated activities performed on or in areas that will not be used for future service and operations? Yes (If yes, please demonstrate compliance to the items below) \(\subseteq \text{No} \)			
Required for impacted areas which will not be used for future service and operations: Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation) Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique			
24,			
Closure Report Attachment Checklist: Instructions: Each of the following items must be attached to the closure report. Please indicate, by a check mark in the box, that the documents are attached. Proof of Closure Notice (surface owner and division) Proof of Deed Notice (required for on-site closure) Plot Plan (for on-site closures and temporary pits) Confirmation Sampling Analytical Results (if applicable)			
 Waste Material Sampling Analytical Results (required for on-site closure) □ Disposal Facility Name and Permit Number □ Soil Backfilling and Cover Installation □ Re-vegetation Application Rates and Seeding Technique 			
Site Reclamation (Photo Documentation) On-site Closure Location: Latitude Longitude NAD: 1927 1983			
Operator Closure Certification: I hereby certify that the information and attachments submitted with this closure report is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that the closure complies with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.			
Name (Print): Title:			
Signature: Date:			
e-mail address: Telephone:			

BP AMERICA PRODUCTION COMPANY

SAN JUAN BASIN, NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO

BELOW-GRADE TANK CLOSURE PLAN

This plan will address the standard protocols and procedures for closure of below-grade tanks (BGTs) on BP America Production Company (BP) well sites. As stipulated in Paragraph A of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, BP shall close a BGT within the time periods provided in 19.15.17.13 NMAC, or by an earlier date that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) requires because of imminent danger to fresh water, public health, safety or the environment. If deviations from this plan are necessary, any specific changes will be included on form C-144 and approved by the NMOCD. BP shall close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC or is not included in Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC within five years after June 16, 2008, if not retrofit with a BGT that complies with the BP NMOCD approved BGT design attached to the BP Design and Construction Plan. BP shall close an existing BGT that does not meet the requirements of Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.11 NMAC, if not previously retrofitted to comply with the BP NMOCD approve BGT Design attached to the BP Design and Construction Plan, prior to any sale or change in operator pursuant to 19.15.9.9 NMAC. BP shall close the permitted BGT within 60 days of cessation of the BGTs operation or as required by the transitional provisions of Subsection B, D, or E of 19.15.17.17 NMAC.

General Closure Plan

- 1. BP shall notify the surface owner by certified mail that it plans to close a BGT. Evidence of mailing of the notice to the address of the surface owner shown in the county tax records demonstrates compliance with this requirement.
- 2. BP shall notify the division District III office verbally or by other means at least 72 hours, but not more than one (1) week, prior to any closure operation. The notice shall include the operator's name, and the location to be closed by unit letter, section, township and range. If the BGT closure is associated with a particular well, then the notice shall also include the well's name, number and API number.
- 3. BP shall remove liquids and sludge from the BGT prior to implementing a closure method and dispose of the liquids and sludge in a NMOCD's division-approved facility. The facilities to be used are:
 - a. BP Crouch Mesa Landfarm, Permit NM-02-003 (Solids)
 - b. JFJ Landfarm, Permit NM-01-010(B) (Solids and Sludge)
 - c. Basin Disposal, Permit NM-01-0005 (Liquids)
 - d. Envirotech Inc Soil Remediation Facility, Permit NM-01-0011 (Solids and Sludge)
 - e. BP Operated E.E. Elliott SWD #1, API 30-045-27799 (Liquids)
 - f. BP Operated 13 GCU SWD #1, API 30-045-28601 (Liquids)
 - g. BP Operated GCU 259 SWD, API 30-045-20006 (Liquids)
 - h. BP Operated GCU 306 SWD, API 30-045-24286 (Liquids)
 - i. BP Operated GCU 307 SWD, API 30-045-24248 (Liquids)
 - j. BP Operated GCU 328 SWD, API 30-045-24735 (Liquids)
 - k. BP Operated Pritchard SWD #1, API 30-045-28351 (Liquids)
- 4. BP shall remove the BGT and dispose of it in a NMOCD approved facility or recycle, reuse, or reclaim it in a manner that the NMOCD approves. If a liner is present and must be disposed of it will be cleaned by scraping any soils or other attached materials on the liner to a de minimus amount and disposed at a permitted solid waste facility, pursuant to Subparagraph (m) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection C of 19.15.35.8 NMAC. Documentation as to the final disposition of the removed BGT will be provided in the final closure report.
- 5. BP shall remove any on-site equipment associated with a BGT unless the equipment is required for well production.
- 6. BP shall test the soils beneath the BGT to determine whether a release has occurred. BP shall collect at a minimum: a five (5) point composite sample and individual grab samples from any area that is wet, discolored or showing other evidence of a release and analyze for BTEX, TPH and chlorides. The testing methods for those constituents are as follows;

Constituents	Testing Method	Release Verification
		(mg/Kg)
Benzene	US EPA Method SW-846 8021B or 8260B	0.2
Total BTEX	US EPA Method SW-846 8021B or 8260B	50
TPH	US EPA Method SW-846 418.1	100
Chlorides	US EPA Method 300.0 or 4500B	250 or background

Notes:

mg/Kg = milligram per kilogram, BTEX = benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes, TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons. Other EPA methods that the division approves may be applied to all constituents listed. Chloride closure standards will be determined by which ever concentration level is greatest.

- 7. BP shall notify the division District III office of its results on form C-141.
- 8. If it is determined that a release has occurred, then BP will comply with 19.15.30 NMAC and 19.15.29 NMAC, as appropriate.
- 9. If the sampling demonstrates that a release has not occurred or that any release does not exceed the concentrations specified above, then BP shall backfill the excavation, with compacted, nonwaste containing, earthen material; construct a division-prescribed soil cover, re-contour and re-vegitate the location. The location will be reclaimed if it is not with in the active process area.
- 10. BP shall reclaim the BGT location and all areas associated with the BGT including associated access roads to a safe and stable condition that blends with the surrounding undisturbed area. BP shall substantially restore the impacted surface area to the condition that existed prior to oil and gas operations by placement of the soil cover as provided in Subsection H of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, re-contour the location and associated areas to a contour that approximates the original contour and blends with the surrounding topography and re-vegetate according to Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC.
- 11. The soil cover for closures where the BGT has been removed or remediated to the NMOCD's satisfaction shall consist of the background thickness of topsoil or one foot of suitable material to establish vegetation at the site, whichever is greater. The soil cover will be constructed to the site's existing grade and all practicable efforts will be made to prevent ponding of water and erosion of the cover material.
- 12. BP shall seed the disturbed area the first growing season after closure of the BGT. Seeding will be accomplished by drilling on the contour whenever practical or by other division-approved methods. Vegetative cover will be, at a minimum, 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (un-impacted by overgrazing, fire or other intrusion damaging to native vegetation), consisting of at least three native plant species, including at least one grass, but not including noxious weeds, and maintenance of that cover through two successive growing seasons. During the two growing seasons that prove viability, there shall be no artificial irrigation of the vegetation.
- 13. BP shall seed, plant and re-seed pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, until the location successfully achieves the required vegetative cover.
- 14. Pursuant to Paragraph (5) of Subsection I of 19.15.17.13 NMAC, BP shall notify the NMOCD when it has seeded or planted and when it successfully achieves re-vegetation.
- 15. Within 60 days of closure completion, BP shall submit a closure report on NMOCD's form C-144, and will include the following;
 - a. proof of closure notification (surface owner and NMOCD)
 - b. sampling analytical reports; information required by 19.15.17 NMAC;
 - c. disposal facility name and permit number
 - d. details on back-filling, capping, covering, and where applicable re-vegetation application rates and seeding techniques and
 - e. site reclamation, photo documentation.
- 16. BP shall certify that all information in the report and attachments is accurate, truthful, and compliant with all applicable closure requirements and conditions specified in the approved closure plan.